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NEWS DEPARTMENT

Historic Statuary in Seattle

Seattle is adding to art treasures in the form of statuary. The three first statues were obtained during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909. These were the large George Washington, presented to the University of Washington by Rainier Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the work of Lorado Taft of Chicago; the William H. Seward by Richard E. Brooks of Paris and New York, presented by citizens, through a Chamber of Commerce committee, to the City of Seattle, to commemorate the purchase of Alaska; a large bust of James J. Hill by Finn H. Frolich, then of Seattle, presented by citizens to the University of Washington.

On November 13, 1912, Founders' Day was celebrated by unveiling a statue of Chief Seattle by James Wehn of Seattle. The ceremonies were in charge of the Tillicums of Elttaes and were participated in by many prominent people, including Sir Thomas Lipton, a guest of the city at the time. The actual unveiling was done by Miss Myrtle Loughrey, a great granddaughter of the Indian chief for whom the city of Seattle was named.

Richard E. Brooks is now completing a statue of the late Governor John H. McGraw. It is to be a gift to the city from the friends of the governor. Announcement has also been made by Charles A. Kinnear that the city is to receive a statue of his father, George Kinnear, a pioneer who recently died. This is to be an equestrian statue to show Mr. Kinnear as he appeared in the Civil War. It is to stand near Kinnear Park, which was itself given to the city by the pioneer a quarter of a century ago.

The Curtis Picture Musicale

The Pacific Northwest is justly proud of the wonderful work being done by Edward S. Curtis of Seattle. He has devoted fourteen years to the photographing and studying of the North American Indians. The work is very expensive and is in part aided by J. Pierpont Morgan. When completed, after eight more years of researches, the work will comprise twenty volumes with a like number of large portfolios of photographs. To facilitate the sale of the work Mr. Curtis has developed "A Vanishing Race" or "The Curtis Picture Musicale," a remarkable entertainment, which New York critics likened to grand opera. The music to accompany the moving and dissolving pictures was arranged by Henry F. Gilbert from Indian records secured in the field by Mr. Curtis. On December 6 and 7, 1912, this entertainment was given to splendid audiences in Seattle, and later dates were scheduled for other Pacific Coast cities.

New Edition of the Pickett Book

There are many persons in the Pacific Northwest who know that General George E. Pickett of Gettysburg fame was a young officer on Puget Sound just before the outbreak of the Civil War. His talented and lovable widow still survives, her home being in the national capital. Her fine book entitled "Pickett and His Men" was originally published by a house that met reverses. She now announces that a new and revised edition is about to be issued by the J. B. Lippincott Company. This is good news for readers of this Quarterly, as the book contains valuable chapters on Pickett's experiences in the Northwest.

History Student in Okanogan

William C. Brown, an attorney of Okanogan City, is an earnest student of the early history of the upper Columbia River country. He conducted the centennial celebration of old Fort Okanogan on July 4, 1911, and issued an important pamphlet in connection with that event. He recently spent several busy days examining manuscript records in the University of Washington collections.

History Lost in the Cheney Fire

Readers of this Quarterly will sympathize with a member of the Board of Editors, Ceylon S. Kingston, of the State Normal School at Cheney. He had prepared an article on "Family Budgets of Early Immigrants," covering actual expenditures made in crossing the continent by ox teams. Unfortunately that paper with all the notes, many manuscripts, and most of the professor's private library were destroyed in the recent fire, which burned the main building of that institution.

American Historical Association

The American Historical Association held its twenty-eighth annual meeting in Boston and Cambridge, December 27-31, 1912. The programmes were rich and varied. The Mississippi Valley Historical Association met with the larger organization. This gave a sort of western flavor, as did the participation by Professor H. Morse Stephens of the University of California and Professor Pphraim D. Adams of Stanford University. The president of the association for 1912 was Theodore Roosevelt. His presidential address was entitled: "History as Literature."

The Pacific Coast Branch

The tenth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at the University of California, November 29 and 30, 1912. Those who participated in the programmes

were the following: From Stanford University—Professor Arley Barthlow Show, Professor Percy Alvin Martin, Professor Edgar E. Robinson; from the University of California—Professor H. Morse Stephens, Professor Richard F. Scholz; from the State College of Washington, Professor Frank Alfred Golder. The paper by the last named was the only one devoted to the history of the Pacific Coast. It was entitled: "The Background of Alaskan History."

Heretofore the meetings of the branch have been held alternately at Berkeley or Stanford. It is now decided to meet at other centers on the Pacific Coast—Los Angeles for 1913 and possibly the University of Washington for 1914.

Oregon Historical Society

The Oregon Historical Society held its fourteenth annual meeting in Portland on December 21, 1912. The principal address was given by Clarence B. Bagley, a pioneer of 1852, who is Secretary of the Seattle Board of Public Works, and President of the Washington State Historical Society. Mr. Bagley's accumulation of materials on the history of the Pacific Northwest is one of the most extensive in any library, public or private.

Teachers of History

The Northwest Association of Teachers of History, Government and Economics is an organization formed during the last session of the Inland Empire Teachers Association. Efforts are now being made to widen its scope. The present officers are as follows: President, Charles G. Haines, Whitman College; Vice-President, Ceylon S. Kingston, State Normal School, Cheney; Secretary and Treasurer, L. F. Jackson, State College of Washington. Those officers, with C. A. Sprague and W. L. Wallace, constitute the executive committee.

Washington Educational Association

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Washington Educational Association is scheduled to be held in Everett, December 26 to 18, 1912. In the published programme there are two references to history: In the Higher and Secondary School Section, Friday, December 27, Miss Elizabeth Rowell, of the Broadway High School, Seattle, will present a paper on "Theory and Practice in History Teaching." The other reference is a statement that the Northwest Association of Teachers of History, Government and Economics may hold a meeting at the same time as the section meetings.

Joint Seminar

The Departments of Law, Political Science, and History in the University of Washington have combined to hold throughout the academic year a joint seminar to consider problems in the three fields as they pertain to the Northwest. The seminar is designed for graduate work. A few qualified seniors are also admitted. Several of the papers prepared for that seminar have appeared in former issues of this Quarterly. In this issue appears another, the study by Leo Jones of the amendments proposed to the constitution of the State of Washington.